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John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire ELLIS LAWHORNE & SIMS, PA Post Office Box 2285 Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. Pringle:

The Pleading which you filed on behalf of Spectrotel, Inc. has been duly received and assigned Docket No. 2004-48-C.

In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish, at your own expense, on or before March 22, 2004, the enclosed Notice, in newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before April 19, 2004.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **<u>DISMISSAL</u>** of your pleading.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce F. Duke Executive Director

BFD:

Enclosure

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

Spectrotel, Inc. (Applicant) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and long distance telecommunications services. The Applicant proposes to offer facilities-based local exchange and resold long distance telecommunications services to residential and business customers. The Applicant proposes to offer facilities-based local exchange service throughout the state using unbundled network element platforms (UNE-P). Also, the Applicant proposes to offer inbound and outbound interexchange (long distance) service and operator assisted services to its presubscribed customers. In addition, the Applicant requests Flexible Regulation, consistent with principles and procedures established in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 1997-467-C, for its local exchange services. Also, the Applicant requests Modified Alternative Regulation, consistent with the principles and procedures established in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C for it business type interexchange services.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 and is available through John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, ELLIS LAWHORNE & SIMS, PA, 1500 Main Street, 5th Floor, Post Office Box 2285, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **11:30 a.m.**, **on Wednesday, May 26, 2004**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws – Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director, at the address below, and John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, at the previously stated address in writing, on or before **April 26, 2004**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-48-C.**

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **April 26, 2004**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-48-C.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with Commission's Procedures, on or before April 26, 2004. Please refer to Docket No. 2004-48-C.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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